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TO TURKEY CONTINUES NEGATIVE

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1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS CONTINUED STRIDENT CRITICISM OF  
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PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.  
NEWS COVERAGE HAS ABATED SLIGHTLY SINCE WEEKEND HIGH BUT STORY  
HAS REMAINED ON FRONT PAGES. CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT FOR  
"BETRAYAL" OF ALLEGED CAMPAIGN PROMISES AND OF HIS DECLARATIONS  
OF "MORALITY IN FOREIGN POLICY" CONTINUE AS THE MAJOR EDITORIAL  
THEME OF THE WEEK NOT ONLY THROUGHOUT TRADITIONALLY  
ANTI-AMERICAN LEFTIST PRESS BUT ALSO IN RELATIVELY

MODERATE PRO-WESTERN PAPERS WHICH FIRMLY OPPOSE ARMS TO TURKEY BEFORE CYPRUS SOLUTION. LATTER DO HOLD OUT TO THEIR READERS POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. HAS RECEIVED SOME "SECRET PROMISES" FROM TURKEY IN RETURN FOR MILITARY AID. SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS HAS KEPT UP SHRILL ATTACK ON USG FOR "REVERTING TO ILLOGICAL FORD-KISSINGER ARGUMENTS" TO CONVINCE CONGRESS TO APPROVE ARMS FOR TURKEY. GOC CONTROLLED CBC BROADCASTING HAS REPORTED DEVELOPMENTS FACTUALLY GIVING PROMINENCE TO OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND GREEK-AMERICAN SPOKESMEN BUT PLAYING DOWN SHRILL STATEMENTS BY MAINLAND GREEK OPPOSITION LEADERS. CBC HAS BROADCAST NO COMMENTARY OR SPECULATIVE NEWS STORY.

2. AS ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF GREEK CYPRIOT OPINION EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FIRST PRIVATE CABLE CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT CARTER SINCE HIS ELECTION. CABLE CONVEYS "DISAPPOINTMENT SUDDEN CHANGE YOUR POLICY..." FROM LARGE, INFLUENTIAL GREEK CYPRIOT UNION OF SEMI-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

3. GREEK CYPRIOTS, LIKE THE GREEK MAINLANDERS, ARE REFUSING EMOTIONALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY TO SEE THAT U.S. POLICY IS BALANCED AND TOUGH-MINDED TOWARD TURKEY. THEY DO NOT EVEN CONSIDER SERIOUSLY THE BENEFITS WHICH MAY ACCRUE TO THEMSELVES FROM THAT AMERICAN POLICY BUT HAVE FOCUSED - RIVITED - THEIR ATTENTION SOLELY ON THE FACT THAT TURKEY WILL RECEIVE "INCREASED ARMS SUPPLIES."  
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